REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 15-17, 20-22, 28, and 30. The Examiner objected to claims 18, 19, and 23-27 and allowed claims 45-58 and 60. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing these claims. In particular claims 15-17, 20-22, 28, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,262,121 to Goodno ("Goodno") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,834,082 to Day ("Day"). And, the Examiner indicated that claims 18, 19, and 23-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Without necessarily agreeing with the characterizations of the claims, Applicants have amended claims 18, 19, 23, 25, and 27 so that they are in independent form or are not dependant on any rejected claims, in order to expedite prosecution of this matter. In addition, and also to expedite prosecution of this matter, Applicants have canceled claims 15-17, 20-22, 28, and 30.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 18, 19, 23-27, 45-58, and 60 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 18, 19, 23, 25, and 27 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to claims 18, 19, and 23-27, and allow these claims, along with previously allowed claims 45-58 and 60.
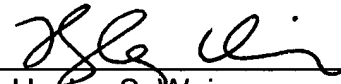
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